GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF FOREST LAND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether permission is granted for the use of forest land for other purposes;

(b) If so, the details of permissions granted during the last two years including the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) Whether any other land has been provided in lieu of the said forest land or any amount of money has been granted for compensatory Afforestation work;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) Whether Afforestation works has been done on the said lands; and

(f) If so, the details there of State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, the Central Government accords prior approval for diversion of Forest land for non-forestry purposes.

(b) So far, about 14580 proposals, involving about 1,119,017 ha of forestland, have been approved. The state wise details are placed at Annexure −I.

(c&d) While according approvals to the projects, conditions such as Afforestation on equivalent non-forestland in lieu of forestland diverted at the cost of the project is invariably stipulated.

(e & f) The details of Compensatory Afforestation done so far is placed at Annexure − II.